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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir or Madam:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on June 4, 2003. In this communication the Examiner has referred to the seven figures as containing seven patentably distinct species. The Examiner has requested that the Applicants elect a species and list the claims readable thereon.

Applicants hereby traverse this election requirement. However, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b), Applicants hereby elect the species shown in Figure 6. However, the Applicants assert that Figure 6 is generic with respect to the species of Figure 7. Therefore, claims directed to Figure 6 also read on the species shown in Figure 7. Thus, Applicants assert that the election of the species of Figure 6 allows for inclusion of both claims that read on Figure 6, some of which also read on Figure 7, and also include those claims that read on Figure 7.

Those claims reading on Figure 6 include at least claims 9-15. Those claims reading on Figure 7 include at least claims 16-23, in addition to those claims reading on

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Figure 6 that also read on Figure 7. Accordingly, Applicants assert that election of the species of Figure 6 allows for the inclusion of claims 9-23.


Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding the above, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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